

October 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on October 11, 2016, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Danny Turner presiding. Council Members present included Danny Turner, Jennifer Bowles, Gene Teague, Mark Stroud and Sharon Brooks Hodge. Staff present included City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager Wayne Knox, City Attorney Eric Monday, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Finance Director Linda Conover, and Police Chief Sean Dunn.

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 7:00 PM. In accordance with Section 2.1-344 (A) of the Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Council Member Hodge, seconded by Council Member Stroud, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Vice Mayor Bowles, aye; Council Member Stroud, aye; Council Member Hodge, aye; Council Member Teague, aye; and Mayor Turner, aye. Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters: (A) Appointments to boards and commissions as authorized by Subsection 1, and (B) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, or other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by Subsection 7. Mayor Turner stated that Council would recess from closed session and would reconvene at the end of the Council meeting.

Following the invocation by Vice Mayor Bowles and Pledge to the American Flag, Mayor Turner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Hear a proclamation read designating October 2016 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Martinsville – Vice Mayor Bowles read the proclamation. Patricia Via was presented the proclamation along with two City logo caps. Ms. Via, a seven year breast cancer survivor said that the local foundation was organized in memory of her mother. Fundraising efforts this past year paid for fifty mammograms for local women. The Martinsville foundation also won \$50,000 in funding at Lewis Gale hospital for anyone wishing to be tested for the BRCA1 gene. Ms. Via introduced other members of the foundation who were present at the meeting. Since 2012, the foundation has raised over \$97,000. Vice Mayor Bowles thanked Via for her work and for providing armbands for local high school athletes so they can show support. Council Member Stroud asked how citizens wishing to be screened would proceed. Via said all contact information could be found on the website www.mlccancerfoundation.org.



Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2016 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS , every year, too many people are touched by the pain and hardship caused by breast cancer – a disease that, among women, is not only one of the most common cancers, but also one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths ; and

WHEREAS , statistics indicate that in the United States, about 1 in 8 women born today will get breast cancer at some point ; and

WHEREAS , early detection and treatment are essential; critical research efforts over time have yielded great progress in how breast cancer is diagnosed and treated and has produced a steady increase in survival rates for those suffering from this disease ; and

WHEREAS , all women are encouraged to consider participating in preventive services including screening tests such as mammograms and/or genetic testing;

NOW , THEREFORE , I Danny Turner, Mayor of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2016 as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Martinsville and we acknowledge our appreciation of local awareness groups and efforts such as the MLC Cancer Foundation and Ladies First MHC Community Breast Health Initiative. We honor all those who have lost their lives to breast cancer and we recognize the courageous survivors who are still fighting it. and we encourage all citizens to promote awareness of breast cancer and the benefits of early screening and testing.

Danny Turner, Mayor

Consider approval of minutes from the September 26, 2016 Neighborhood Meeting and the September 27, 2016 Council Meeting – Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Bowles with a 5-0 Council vote in favor. Mayor Turner stated that one of his comments was misquoted and needed to be corrected. The Clerk of Council made note of the correction. Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Bowles seconded the motion with all Council Members in favor.

Presentation of proclamation regarding Extra Mile Day 2016 – Council Member Hodge read the proclamation that will be signed and mailed to the Extra Mile Foundation.



**Extra Mile Day Proclamation
November 1, 2016**

WHEREAS, Martinsville, Virginia is a community which acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively "go the extra mile" in personal effort, volunteerism, and service; and

WHEREAS, Martinsville is a community which encourages its citizens to maximize their personal contribution to the community by giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment, and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends, and community; and


WHEREAS, Martinsville is a community which chooses to shine a light on and celebrate individuals and organizations within its community who "go the extra mile" in order to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community; and

WHEREAS, Martinsville acknowledges the mission of Extra Mile America to create 550+ Extra Mile cities in America and is proud to support "Extra Mile Day" on November 1, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Danny Turner do hereby proclaim November 1, 2016, to be Extra Mile Day. I urge each individual in the community to take time on this day to not only "go the extra mile" in his or her own life, but to also acknowledge all those who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country, or world a better place.

Danny Turner
Mayor

Consider adoption of a resolution urging the General Assembly to establish a regional transportation district for the New River-Roanoke-Southside region – City Manager Towarnicki summarized Senator Stanley's attendance at the previous meeting and the information he provided. In an August meeting, it was discussed how I-73 can move forward and ideas were discussed how other locations operate with a transportation authority. He stated that it will be hard to receive any additional state funding. Council Member Hodge said concerns have been raised that local public transportation has been "lacking" and if I-73 fails she asked could the City use those funds raised to expand other public transportation. Towarnicki said to his knowledge that could be an option but he would check into it to be sure. Hodge said she wants to be sure that local transportation be considered before I-73. Council Member Teague said he feels strongly that a Martinsville representative should have a seat on the transportation board. Vice Mayor Bowles said she had reservations previously about whether the funds would go towards I73 and she hopes that the board will monitor that. Mayor Turner said benefits include the bypass on the Western end of the county and the opportunity to tie into the loop around Greensboro. Council Member Stroud confirmed that another RADAR bus would be added later this year. Council Member Teague made a motion to approve the resolution as presented; Vice Mayor Bowles seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

<p><i>Council Members</i> Danny Turner, Mayor Jennifer Bowles, Vice-Mayor Sharon Brooks-Hodge Mark Stroud Gene Teague</p>	 <p><i>City Manager</i> Leon E. Towarnicki <i>City Attorney</i> Eric H. Monday <i>Clerk of Council</i> Karen Roberts</p>	<p>WHEREAS, additional highway funding is critical and essential in order to commence the process of construction of Interstate 73; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the region that will be most positively impacted and benefited by the development and construction of Interstate 73 must provide some of this funding in order for the Commonwealth Transportation Board to approve the construction of Interstate 73; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the funding mechanisms created for the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission provide effective models for highway funding and regional transportation management cooperation; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the lack of such a regional transportation funding management organization within Southwest Virginia is detrimental to the further economic development of the Roanoke Valley, the New River Valley and Southside Virginia; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the creation of a New River-Roanoke-Southside transportation funding and management organization would significantly benefit this region of the Commonwealth and expand the economic and cultural development of this region of the Commonwealth; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, only the Virginia General Assembly can establish such an organization;</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia assembled in regular session this 11th day of October, 2016, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. City Council hereby urges the Virginia General Assembly to create a regional transportation authority similar to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority or the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission for our region of the Commonwealth with the stated purpose of improving our region's transportation network, including but not limited to the construction of Interstate 73.2. City Council requests that our delegation to the Virginia General Assembly to support this effort and to persuade their colleagues throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide our region with this authority to improve our transportation system to benefit our region of the Commonwealth. <p>*****</p> <p>_____ Danny Turner, Mayor</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>RESOLUTION</u></p> <p>URGING THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT FOR THE NEW RIVER-ROANOKE-SOUTHSIDE REGION</p> <p>WHEREAS, the development of transportation infrastructure is a critical component in economic development throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the economies of Southside Virginia and Southwest Virginia lag the economies of Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia, in part due to the significant differences in the amount of spending for transportation infrastructure between Northern Virginia and Southside Virginia and Southwest Virginia; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) defined High Priority Corridor 5, as the "I-73/74 North-South Corridor" from Charleston, South Carolina, to Detroit, Michigan, and in Virginia this route would run from Henry County to Roanoke County to Giles County; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board has studied a route for Interstate 73 and has begun to develop an Environmental Impact statement, required under the National Environmental Policy Act, for permitting processes required by the US Army Corps of Engineers; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, a report by Chmura Economic and Analytics states that in Virginia, 5,303 workers will be employed each year during 9 year construction phase; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, in Virginia, annual travel efficiency and cost saving is estimated to be \$141.2 million in 2020, and \$161 million in 2025; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, development of Interstate 73 is estimated to generate an additional \$13.8 million in state taxes in Virginia and an additional \$9.2 million in local taxes per year upon completion, and a \$17.1 million state tax and \$10.9 million local tax per year five years after completion; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, more than 50,000 permanent jobs are projected to be created in the Interstate 73 region upon completion; and</p>		
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Hear an update from West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board – Lisa Fultz shared statistics with Council regarding first quarter 2016 Workforce traffic count, locality of residence, reason for visits, request for referrals, individuals in training and credentials attained, and employer services. She pointed out that most visitors are there for unemployment benefit claims or use of the resource room. The resource room is set up with computers, is handicap accessible and staff works well with anyone with a language barrier. Residents are provided with basic resume assistance, job matching account creation, information on workshops, assistance on job application, etc. at no cost. The office is located at 233 West Commonwealth Boulevard, Martinsville. WIOA funding is focused on higher paying, permanent positions. Facebook has been vital in reaching people in areas of open positions. Fultz explained the Youth Employment Services program. She appeals to those organizations and individuals that work closely with area youth to help WIB become less governmental and more focused on relating to the new generation. Fultz detailed ride solutions including ride share and said additional information and applications can be found online. The Martinsville center offers extended hours on Tuesday until 7:00pm, traditional hours are 8:30-5:00. She welcomes input and suggestions from Council on the local plan.

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Martinsville Workforce Center - Workforce Network Metrics First Quarter - Program Year 2016			
MARTINSVILLE WORKFORCE CENTER			
Traffic Count	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16
Total Visitors	1013	1149	929
New Visitors	239	271	222
Locality of Residence	July	August	September
Henry County	584	670	615
City of Martinsville	267	322	183
Patrick County	58	55	56
Franklin County	23	27	21
Pittsylvania County	33	31	20
City of Danville	12	18	13
Other	36	26	21
Reason for Visit	July	August	September
Unemployment Benefits Claim or Questions	237	200	201
Veterans Employment Services	12	14	13
Attend VEC Class or Workshop	16	19	17
GED Training	0	0	6
Other Training-Trade Act	1	1	1
WIOA Orientation	4	4	4
PHCC Representative	9	15	10
Veteran's Benefits	15	28	22
VEC Job Fair	0	0	2
Resource Room Usage	329	385	325
Request for Referral	July	August	September
Programs or services for people with disabilities	29	24	11
Veteran's Benefits	15	28	22
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Programs	57	62	73
PHCC or other education and training resources	18	43	30
Resources and information for ex-offenders	0	0	0
Social Service Benefits	0	0	0
Employment Assistance for Veterans	12	14	13
GED Classes or ESL	0	0	1
Computer Skills Tutoring	0	0	0
Programs for Individuals over 55	3	9	9

Martinsville Workforce Center - Workforce Network Metrics First Quarter - Program Year 2016			
EDUCATION/TRAINING SERVICES			
Number of Individuals in Training Activities	July	August	September
Dept. for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	3	4	7
Adult Education	0	0	7
WIOA Programs	1	6	6
PHCC - Adult Career Coach	0	1	0
Number of Credentials Attained (during the month)	July	August	September
Dept. for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	0	2	2
Adult Education	0	0	0
WIOA Programs	0	2	1
PHCC - Adult Career Coach	0	1	1
EMPLOYER SERVICES			
Number of One-Stop Hires (placements during the month)	July	August	September
Virginia Employment Commission	41	64	75
Dept. for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	3	4	11
WIOA Programs	0	1	9
Virginia Workforce Connection	July	August	September
New Employers Registered in VaWC	5	5	9
New Job Orders Registered in VaWC	101	161	144
Job Orders Matched in VaWC	101	161	144
Job Seekers Registered in VaWC	328	368	387
Number of Employers Served (during the month)	July	August	September
Dept. for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	1	1	5
Virginia Employment Commission	100	92	113
WIOA Programs	14	14	16
Hiring Events Data	July	August	September
Number of Hiring Events Conducted at One-Stop	0	0	2
Number of Hires Resulting from Hiring Events	0	0	6
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES			
Professional Development Activities Completed	July	August	September
Dept. for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	2	1	3
Virginia Employment Commission	0	0	0
Adult Education	0	0	0
PHCC	0	1	10
WIOA Programs	0	0	1
Dept. of Veterans Services	0	0	0

Consider approval of consent agenda – City Manager Towarnicki explained what the reappropriations include. Finance Director Conover said those items listed should be all reappropriations needed and audit should be complete by November 30, 2016. Council Member Teague made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Council Member Stroud seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

RE-APPROPRIATIONS FY16 TO FY17					
DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS					
ORG CODE	OBJECT	DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
GENERAL FUND					
0110938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 1,012,906
01122022	502815	Employee Services/Dev/Recog	Wellness	\$ 6,000	
01126055	503130	Information Services	Prof Serv - Management Consult.	\$ 1,350	
01126055	506104	Information Services	Non-capital Equipment	\$ 1,500	
01217078	506047	Sheriff - Courts	Project Life Saver	\$ 11,787	
01221082	506105	Commonwealth's Attorney	State - Confiscated Assets	\$ 4,090	
01221082	506079	Commonwealth's Attorney	Federal - Confiscated Assets	\$ 2,155	
01221082	506118	Commonwealth's Attorney	Local - Confiscated Assets	\$ 501	
01311085	506078	Police	State - Confiscated Assets	\$ 15,763	
01311085	506079	Police	Federal - Confiscated Assets	\$ 79,461	
01311085	506082	Police	Byrne/Jag Grant Program	\$ 54,400	
01311085	506118	Police	Local - Confiscated Assets	\$ 228	
01321102	506110	Fire	Fire Programs	\$ 97,527	
01321102	506011	Fire	Uniforms & Apparel	\$ 5,472	
01321102	506130	Fire	Maintenance for Burn Building	\$ 4,358	
01322105	506114	EMS	Four for Life	\$ 11,479	
01341135	506300	Inspections	Demolition	\$ 25,827	
01431145	503195	Street Maintenance	Prof Service-Street Resurfacing	\$ 341,101	
01431162	503190	City Hall Operations	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 3,475	
01420152	508220	VDOT Reserve	Physical Plant Expansion	\$ 321,107	
01713211	503190	Park Maintenance	Prof Serv - Bldg/Grnd Maint	\$ 2,275	
01812242	503600	Misc Exp	Grant Program-Misc Business Dev	\$ 23,050	
REFUSE FUND					
0910938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 97,500
09424301	508205	Refuse Collection	Vehicles	\$ 38,000	
09425302	503140	Landfill	Prof. Service - Engineering	\$ 9,500	
09425302	508220	Landfill	Physical Plant Expansion	\$ 50,000	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FUND					
1110938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 30,725
11315308	503310	Telecommunications	Prof Serv - Repairs & Maint	\$ 30,725	
WATER FUND					
1210938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 494,670
12541311	508220	Water Plant	Physical Plant Expansion	\$ 468,370	
12541311	503140	Water Plant	Prof Serv - Engineering	\$ 31,300	
SEWER FUND					
1310938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 226,203
13551326	508205	Wastewater Maintenance	Motor Vehicles/Equipment	\$ 100,325	
13550325	508220	Wastewater Plant	Physical Plant Expansion	\$ 125,878	
ELECTRIC FUND					
1410938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 120,000
14563338	506007	Electric Maintenance	Substation Maintenance	\$ 100,000	
14564339	503191	Electric Construction	Prof Service - Contract Labor	\$ 20,000	
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND					
1610938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 369,066
16572362	508110	Tools/Equip	Street Maintenance	\$ 15,000	
16572362	508113	Tools/Equip	Street Cleaning	\$ 50,000	
16575365	508110	Vehicles	Street Maintenance	\$ 90,000	
16576366	508035	Computer Software/Hardware	Commissioner of Revenue	\$ 54,525	
16576366	508055	Computer Software/Hardware	Information Services	\$ 52,525	
16576366	508145	Software/Hardware	Engineering	\$ 3,500	
16577367	508085	Physical Plant Expansion	Sheriff - Jail	\$ 30,000	
16577367	508670	Physical Plant Expansion	Garage/Warehouse Complex	\$ 43,577	
16577367	508140	Physical Plant Expansion	City Hall	\$ 29,939	
COBG FUND					
4710938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 689,913
47835525	505370	Northside Neighborhood	Administration	\$ 41,641	
47835525	505371	Northside Neighborhood	Acquisition	\$ 58,740	
47835525	505372	Northside Neighborhood	Clearance & Demolition	\$ 18,509	
47835525	505373	Northside Neighborhood	Owner Occupied Rehab	\$ 125,124	
47835525	505375	Northside Neighborhood	Owner Occupied Reconstruction	\$ 179,449	
47835525	505601	Northside Neighborhood	Homeownership Creation	\$ 104,481	
47835525	505602	Northside Neighborhood	Street Improvements	\$ 156,619	
47835525	505603	Northside Neighborhood	Flood Drainage Facilities	\$ 5,350	
TOTAL CITY FUNDS:					\$ 3,040,983
SCHOOL FUNDS					
18100938	410510		Ops/Contrib from Fund Balance		\$ 152,943
80004200	563000	Building	Purchased Services	\$ 14,950	
80004200	568200	Building	Capital Outlay Additions	\$ 11,500	
50004200	563000	MS Elem Bldg	Purchased Services	\$ 24,000	
50004200	568100	MS Elem Bldg	Capital Outlay Additions	\$ 25,875	
70004200	568100	HS Bldg	Capital Outlay Additions	\$ 24,101	
81621310	563142	Harvest - Elementary	Professional Development	\$ 37,258	
66101100	566013	Cyber Camp - Non-Rem Summer	Instructional Materials & Supplies	\$ 15,259	
TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS:					\$ 152,943
TOTAL RE-APPROPRIATIONS FROM FY16 TO FY17					\$ 3,193,926

Comments by members of City Council – Council Member Stroud said his hip

replacement surgery went well and he appreciates all the well wishes and prayers. Council Member Teague said he and others attended VML sessions – splitting sessions between him, Bowles, Hodge and Towarnicki so they could receive maximum information. He said it was a good way to see what other localities are dealing with and an opportunity to network. Vice Mayor Bowles congratulated Teague who is now a member of the VML executive committee. Bowles attended the Vice Presidential debate to network and advocate on behalf of the City. Teague said they discussed lottery proceeds for localities; Council Member Hodge added that the discussion was to delay the decision for a year but to request a JLARC review now. She confirmed that there is interest from other localities. Mayor Turner had asked Towarnicki and

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the Tourism Office to declare Martinsville an accommodating city in case of emergency during the hurricane the week before. Turner said Governor Pence has agreed to sign some of the pink Martinsville hats that will be donated to the Cancer society for auction.

Comments by City Manager – City Manager Towarnicki shared that Martinsville received a Gold Level award from Stairway to Success, which will be presented to the school system.

Business from the Floor (not televised) – Ural Harris of 217 Stewart Street says he was asked about traffic on Peters Street where cars are parking on both sides and causing trouble for moving traffic. He asked that Chief Dunn and the Traffic Commission take a look at this location. City Manager Towarnicki said there might need to be signage to prevent parking in specific areas of the street. Council Member Hodge says that Sunday is especially troublesome.

Council reconvened to closed session. At the conclusion of Closed Session, each returning member of Council certified that (1) only public business matters exempt from open meeting requirements were discussed in said Closed Session; and (2) only those business matters identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed, or considered during the Session. A motion was made by Bowles, seconded by Teague, with the following 5-0 recorded vote in favor to return to Open Session: Council Member Teague, aye; Council Member Stroud, aye; Mayor Turner, aye; Vice Mayor Bowles, aye; Council Member Hodge, aye.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Teague to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bowles with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 955pm.

Karen Roberts
Clerk of Council

Danny Turner
Mayor